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	Dan Kesack		3691	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Status of Claims***

1. Claims 29-50 are currently pending.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments, see amendment after final, filed July 17, 2006, with respect to the rejection of claims 29-50 under 35 U.S.C. 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims has been withdrawn.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 29-31 and 33-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0091572, in view of Welton, U.S. Patent No. 6,581,827.

Claim 29, 30, 42; Anderson discloses a prepaid service interface system and method comprising a web portal (figure 1) configured to present information relating to a plurality of prepaid services offered by a prepaid service provider (paragraphs 29, 30), and a database (figure 2) configured to store a plurality of user profiles, each user profile specifying user account information relating to the prepaid services for presentation to one of the users according to the respective user profile (paragraph 33). Anderson inherently teaches receiving a selection of one of the prepaid services input by the user because Anderson teaches the system having access to a plurality of prepaid services accounts, and a user performing an inquiry on a specific account (paragraphs 29 and 33). In order for a user to perform an inquiry on a specific account among a plurality of accounts, the user must inherently select a specific account.

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Anderson fails to teach the plurality of services being offered by a plurality of service providers.

Welton discloses a universal prepaid telecommunication services card, wherein a single prepaid card may be used to access a plurality of services offered by a plurality of service providers (column 5 lines 10-35). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Anderson to include the universal prepaid card of Welton because Anderson teaches using a prepaid card to select a service from plurality of services, and Welton provides a way to use one card to manage a plurality of services, which would be desirable because a user would not have to carry a different card for each service managed through the interface taught by Anderson.

Claim 31, Anderson teaches a server and network making up the web portal. It would be obvious for the system to be maintained by a system operator, because such systems require maintenance.

Claim 33, Anderson teaches the users are provided with real-time management of accounts (paragraph 29).

Claim 34, 35, Anderson fails to explicitly teach that users are assigned a unique identifier for accessing the web portal. However, Anderson teaches the users access their account from the Internet, and Anderson further teaches assigning a PIN for

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authorization when using the card. Since the user must have a way to uniquely identify him or herself to the system over the Internet, the system requires a unique identifier such as the user's name, phone number, an account number, a PIN number, a username, etc.

Claim 36, 43, Anderson teaches the information relating to the prepaid services includes payment information (paragraph 40).

Claims 37, 40, 44, 47, Anderson teaches the web portal initiating payment verification, and wherein the use of a PIN is considered a fraud detection system (paragraph 36).

Claim 38, 45, Anderson teaches the plurality of prepaid services includes telephone service (paragraph 30).

Claim 39, 46, Anderson teaches the web portal present the prepaid services as a bundled-service package (paragraph 29).

Claim 41, 48, Anderson teaches the web portal provides usage information for the prepaid services and supports purchase of additional units of prepaid services (paragraphs 30, 31).

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6. Claims 32 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson and Welton, as applied above, and further in view of Ryoo, U.S. Patent No. 6,793,135.

Anderson and Welton fail to teach the service provider compensating the interface operator.

Ryoo discloses a method of selling prepaid card which are usable for purchasing a variety of goods and services, wherein another service provider compensates the first service provider for selling prepaid services through a prepaid services card (column 6 lines 23-31). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Anderson and Welton to include providing commission to the operator of the prepaid service interface because the interface operator who sells prepaid cards for third parties would desire to derive a revenue stream from said interface.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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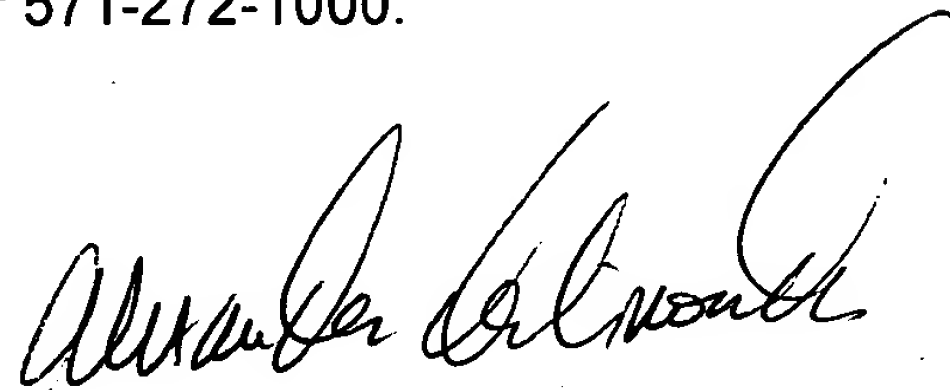
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